

American Osteopathic College of Dermatology Call for Resident Poster and Lecture Ideas

The American Osteopathic College of Dermatology (AOCD) is pleased to invite all Dermatology residents to attend and actively participate in the 2026 AOCD Spring Meeting, **March 19-22, 2026**, at the **Hilton Orlando in Orlando, Florida**.

The presentation of new scientific ideas, clinical cases, and original observations remains a vital component of the AOCD conference. Resident-authored topics are welcome for consideration as either a Scientific Poster or a brief Resident Podium Lecture/Presentation. This guide provides all critical information regarding submission requirements, key deadlines, and presentation guidelines.

Key Dates & Submissions

Key Date	Item
Sunday, Nov 30, 2025	Deadline for Poster and Lecture Topic Submissions
Monday, Dec 15, 2025	Notification of Topic Acceptance
Sunday, Feb 1, 2026	Deadline for electronic poster and slide submission

Important Note on Accepted Submissions: All residents will be officially notified of topic acceptance by Monday, December 15, 2025. Detailed instructions regarding poster design, electronic submission, and lecture slide requirements will be provided to accepted authors in their notification letter.

Scheduling and Duration of Accepted Presentations

Presentation Type	Duration & Location
Scientific Poster	Displayed throughout conference with live presentations Saturday PM
Resident Lecture	15 minutes in duration, scheduled Sunday AM in main lecture hall

Topic Submission Requirements

A brief topic suggestion for Scientific Posters and Resident Lectures must be submitted electronically by the deadline using the attached submission form. Please adhere to these critical limitations:

- **Presentation Type:** Clearly indicate whether the topic is for a Scientific Poster or a Resident Lecture/Presentation.
- **Title:** Limited to 15 words or less.
- **Body & Topic:** The body is limited to 400 words. It must be clearly structured (e.g., Introduction, Methods/Case Description/Topic Overview, Discussion/Conclusion).
- **Author Information:** Include full contact information for the Presenting Author, PGY year, and Residency Program Name.
- **Disclosure Statement:** A formal conflict of interest/disclosure statement is required for every listed author.
- **Final Submission Rule:** Accepted presentations are reprinted exactly as submitted. No changes may be made to the abstract after submission.

Recommended Abstract Topics

We encourage submissions across the full spectrum of dermatology.

- **Case Reports:** Reports on rare diseases, unique presentations of common diseases, challenging diagnostic cases, or unusual therapeutic outcomes.
- **Original Research / Clinical Trials:** Prospective or retrospective studies, systematic reviews, and meta-analyses.
- **New Innovations / Technology:** Novel devices, digital health solutions, or advancements in diagnostic or therapeutic techniques.
- **Therapeutics / Pharmacology:** Comparative efficacy, side-effect profiles, off-label uses, or cost-effectiveness of dermatologic treatments.
- **Disease State Education / Guidelines:** Summaries or evaluations of disease mechanisms, diagnostic criteria, or current clinical practice guidelines.
- **Procedural / Surgical Dermatology:** New or refined techniques in dermatologic surgery, cosmetic procedures, or wound management.
- **Quality Improvement / Patient Safety:** Projects aimed at improving clinic flow, patient communication, reducing medical errors, or enhancing health care delivery.
- **Dermatology Education / Curriculum:** Strategies for teaching dermatology concepts, resident assessment tools, or educational technology.
- **Health Policy / Practice Management:** Topics related to coding, billing, access to care, or legislative issues impacting dermatology practice.

Awards for Top Presentations

The **AOCD CME Committee** will judge and select the top three entries in each category. Primary authors of the highest-scoring entries will receive the following cash awards:

Award	Scientific Posters	Resident Lectures
1 st Place	\$300 Cash Award	\$300 Cash Award
2 nd Place	\$200 Cash Award	\$200 Cash Award
3 rd Place	\$100 Cash Award	\$100 Cash Award

Contact Information

Questions regarding your poster or lecture submission, and all final electronic submissions, should be submitted to: **admin@aocd.info**.